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1. Substitute construction materials are being manufactured for use in the construction of military installations in the Post'yet (130-48, 42-39) area. Two such substitutes now in use are ash cement and unbaked brick.
2. Ash cement is manufactured from selected powdered coal ash obtained chiefly from power plant ash dumps. It is mixed in such a way (details unstated) that the product resembles cement.
3. Unbaked brick, perfected by a Soviet technician named Sidorenko (fnu), is used in the construction of temporary installations. The brick hardens with age, and resembles Japanese mortar brick. It may also be used as fuel.

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